

For Awareness: DND Media Response on CAF Member Endorsing Trucker Convoy

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Hi all,

Just letting you know that our department sent this response to **Personal Info.** and **Personal Info.** about a video in which a junior RCAF member endorses the trucker convoy and tells them to "hold the line."

Video is here: <https://twitter.com/rileyxmac/status/1489078106832867331?s=21>

<https://twitter.com/rileyxmac/status/1489078890425319424?s=21>

<https://twitter.com/rileyxmac/status/1489085359765876741?s=21>

<https://twitter.com/rileyxmac/status/1489085719855263744?s=21>

<https://twitter.com/rileyxmac/status/1489086017646727173?s=21>

Pugliese article is up: <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/canadian-forces-to-investigate-rcaf-member-who-used-social-media-to-voice-support-of-protesters>

Subject: Comments on protests by a CAF Member

Outlets: CP / Ottawa Citizen

Deadlines: ASAP

Issue:

Both outlets have seen video of a CAF member, making supportive statements on the ongoing protests in Ottawa.

They are seeking comment.

Response:

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) was made aware of a social media posts by one of our junior members, who has expressed support for the Freedom Convoy and associated protests while in uniform.

The member's chain of command has now been made aware and will conduct a fulsome investigation into the matter and ensure appropriate corrective action.

Members of the CAF must remain impartial when communicating publicly and are not permitted to express their personal views when in uniform.

Any CAF member who brings discredit to the CAF through either conduct or performance deficiencies, be it through actions or words, will be held accountable.

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